

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN KEITH BALES, on January 29, 2009 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 157, 1/23/2009; SB 22, 1/23/2009

Executive Action: SB 157; SB 18

00:00:05 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 157

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 **SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY (R), SD 45**, opened the hearing on **SB 157**, Audio-video hearings for certain mental health proceedings.

Sen. Ripley, Sen. Schmidt now present

00:01:50 Sen. Bales

00:02:33 Sen. Cooney

00:03:05 Sen. Bales

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:14 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:52 Sen. Laible

00:04:23 Sen. Bales

00:04:43 Sen. Laible

00:04:49 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:55 Sen. Wanzenreid closed for Sen. Shockley

HEARING ON SB 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:11 **SEN. TERRY MURPHY (R), SD 39**, opened the hearing on **SB 22**, Create Water policy committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:54 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
00:06:42 Brenda Lindlief Hall, Tongue River Water Users Association
00:07:24 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited
00:07:54 Robert Johnson, United Steel Workers and Montana AFL-CIO
00:08:11 Holly Franz, PPL Montana
00:08:36 Sen. Bales

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

00:08:54 Susan Byorth Fox, Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:10:12 Sen. Bales
00:10:18 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:10:42 Sen. Bales

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:52 Sen. Barkus
00:11:26 Sen. Murphy
00:13:21 Sen. Barkus
00:13:48 Sen. Murphy
00:14:00 Sen. Barkus
00:14:04 Sen. Esp
00:14:42 Director Fox, LSD
00:16:04 Sen. Esp
00:16:18 Director Fox
00:16:59 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:16 Sen. Murphy
00:17:36 Sen. Bales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 157

00:17:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Barkus moved that **SB 157 DO PASS**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (present and voting).

00:18:52 Sen. Wanzenried

00:18:54 Sen. Bales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 18

00:18:59 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 18 DO PASS**.

00:19:42 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 18 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(fcs21a01)

Discussion:

00:20:00 Sen. Wanzenried

00:20:39 Sen. Bales

00:20:46 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 18 BE AMENDED** carried 16-1 by
voice vote with Sen. Esp voting no.

00:21:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 18 DO PASS**
AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote
(present and voting).

00:21:22 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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